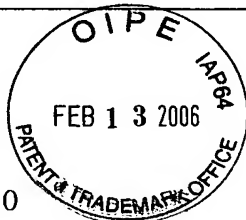


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No fee is believed due. However, if any fees is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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In response to the Final Office Action of June 7, 2005, please amend the
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Amendments to the claims are provided in the **Listing of Claims** beginning
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Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.